ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 34 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-33-12

There will be a <u>24-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishery from 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 23 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 24 in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District**, (except the **Kizhuyak Section** will remain closed); and.
- The **Afognak District** (except the **Inner Kitoi**, **Outer Kitoi**, and **Izhut Bay sections** will remain closed and the Duck Bay Section will open until further notice);

There will be a <u>72-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishery from 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 23 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday July 26 in the Inner Ugak Bay section of the Eastside District.

Closed waters will be <u>reduced</u> from 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 23 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday July 26 at Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415) Hearst Creek, (stream # 259-414) and Rough Creek (stream # 259-416) in Saltery Cove to the stream terminus of each stream, for both subsistence and commercial salmon fishing.

As Previously Announced:

There will be a commercial salmon fishing period in the following sections of the **Alitak District** at the following dates and times:

- The Olga Bay Section, from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 23 to 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 27;
- The Moser Bay Section, from noon Monday, July 23 to 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 27;

- The Alitak Bay Section, from 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 23 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, July27; and,
- The Cape Alitak Section from 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24 to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

The following areas are scheduled to **close** at **9:00 p.m. Monday July 23:**

- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section is extended until 9:00 p.m. Thursday July 26);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**; and,
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District.**

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Dakavak Bay</u>, <u>Outer Kukak Bay</u>, <u>Hallo Bay</u>, and <u>Big River sections</u> of the Mainland District and the <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Northwest Afognak</u> and <u>Shuyak Island</u> sections of the Afognak District <u>closed</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 1:00 p.m. <u>Sunday</u>, <u>July 22</u>.

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

The following areas will remain **open until further notice**:

- The **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**; and
- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area.

Closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.